

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are amended. Claims 3 and 4 are added. The claim amendments and the added claims introduce no new matter because they are supported by at least paragraphs [0030], [0043] - [0044], [0056] and [0071] - [0072] of the specification, as originally filed. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 2, rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,239,373 to Tang et al. (hereinafter "Tang"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Tang teaches a video computational shared drawing space system comprising display units for displaying composite images, styluses for writing on the composite images, and a computer (Abstract). Tang indicates that a device used for detecting the position of the stylus can use visual, as emitted light by light emitting diodes (LEDs), resistive, electromagnetic or sonic signals, or alternatively that the computer, in association with the video camera, may be programmed to detect the position of the stylus (col. 2, lines 35-40). Tang makes no reference to, nor would Tang reasonably have suggested, at least a virtual screen that is set on the material mounting surface; an indication mark for setting the virtual screen and for being used by a user to operate a point on the virtual screen.

Claims 1 and 2, in like manner, recite, among other features, a virtual screen which is set on the material mounting surface; an indication mark for setting the virtual screen and for being used by a user to operate a point on the virtual screen, wherein when the user sets two arbitrary reference points by using the indication mark on the material mounting surface, the photographing section photographs the two reference points, and coordinates of the virtual screen are generated by an image processing technique from a photographed image of the two

arbitrary reference points photographed by the photographing section, so that the virtual screen is set to have a rectangular area based on the two arbitrary reference points. As is indicated above, Tang neither discloses, nor can it reasonably be considered to have suggested, the virtual screen set on the material mounting surface and the manner by which the coordinates of the virtual screen are generated, as it is positively recited, among other features in independent claims 1 and 2.

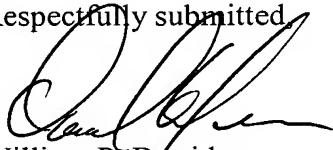
For at least this reason, Tang does not teach, nor would it have suggested, the combinations of all of the features varyingly recited in independent claims 1 and 2.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tang are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 3 and 4, these claims are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by Tang for at least the respective dependence of these claims directly on independent claims 1 and 2, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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